

such that it was not possible to have a more than one board at home, because a horse after the first forty-eight hours still all festivals such as birthday, Christmas, Easter and Whitson kept cakes being baked and served up. Cakes ran short during the competition and members of the party were obliged to fall back upon the tin-biscuits at home.

On the 22nd I was taken with the Christmas parcels marked with the respective names, given by members of the family and friends before departure. These were opened upon the 23rd and discussed with as much interest as though they were prizes. The parcels had been sent by the post-homesteaders just received from home. This was the case in many other little ways. It was the custom to allow the men of the voyage.